

# **MEMORANDUM TO HOUSE REPUBLICANS**

*House Democrats Urge Republicans to Take Up Time-Sensitive Legislation  
Ahead of August District Work Period*

With only 16 legislative days left before the August district work period, House Republican leaders have yet to update their Summer memo and detail their legislative agenda for the remaining days in session. Rather than continue to pursue partisanship and waste time on political lawsuits and select committees, House Republicans ought to address time-sensitive issues over the next four weeks. In the absence of a Republican legislative memo, here's one that our colleagues across the aisle can work from until they produce their own:

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**TO:** House Republicans

**FR:** House Democrats

**DT:** Tuesday, July 8, 2014

**RE:** July Legislative Agenda – A Look at Critical Legislation Facing House Republicans

As we return from the July 4<sup>th</sup> recess, there are a number of critical items that need to be addressed to ensure that every American has access to middle class opportunities and the chance to make it in America. Since we've noticed you have yet to release an updated legislative memo for the remainder of July, we've put together some suggestions:

- Address expiring items such as Highway Trust Fund (July 2014), Export-Import Bank (Sept. 30, 2014) Surface Transportation Bill (Sept. 30, 2014), and Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (Dec. 31, 2014)
- Remaining appropriations bills: Energy and Water; Agriculture; Financial Services; Homeland; Interior; Labor, Health, and Human Services; and State and Foreign Ops
- Fix our broken immigration system by passing comprehensive reform
- Adopt a conference report to ensure more veterans have timely access to health care
- Protect voting rights by passing the Voting Rights Amendment Act
- Renew emergency unemployment insurance
- Raise the minimum wage
- Focus on job creation and pass additional Make It In America jobs bills
- Ensure equal pay for equal work by bringing the Paycheck Fairness Act to the Floor
- Ban discrimination in the workplace by passing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act

As we look forward to a busy July, we ask that you stop ignoring these critical, time-sensitive priorities. The American people expect us to address these issues, and we hope you will work with us to address them in a timely manner.

Sincerely,  
House Democrats